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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Toshihiko BABA and Takeharu TANI  
OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL DEFLECTION ELEMENT, OPTICAL  
MULTIPLEXING ELEMENT, AND SCANNING APPARATUS  
Assignee: **FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q77867



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/941,617 (Confirmation No. 6746) filed August 30, 2001 of Toshihiko BABA and Takeharu TANI entitled OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL DEFLECTION ELEMENT, OPTICAL MULTIPLEXING ELEMENT, AND SCANNING APPARATUS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 15 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application, and Preliminary Amendment.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2872.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-265434	September 1, 2000

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/941,617.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>7</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$770.00

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>								<b><u>\$770.00</u></b>
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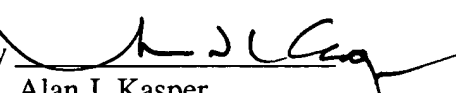
A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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